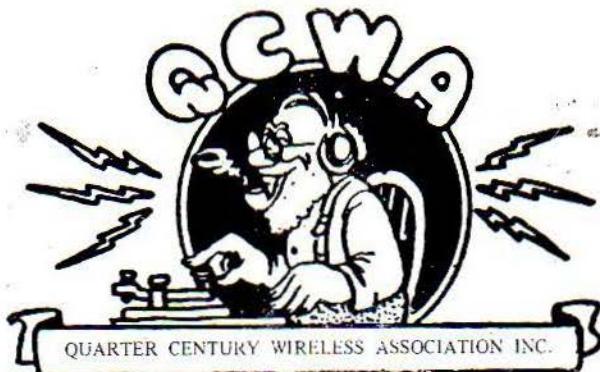


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"CHANGING OF THE GUARD"

The new Executive Secretary of the QCWA is Ethel M. Smith K4LMB



Ethel has a unique combination of experience which makes her unusually well qualified for the job.

First licensed in 1936 as W7FWB in Wenatchee, Washington, Ethel joined QCWA as soon as she was eligible (QCWA #2491) and became an active member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, and a Life Member in 1965.

She was secretary of the Washington area Foundation for Amateur Radio from 1971 - 1974 and for the past 4½ years has been editor of the AUTO-CALL magazine which represents the 40 member clubs in the greater Washington D.C. area.

She has been active on the
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"Colonel Gus," W2JE retired as QCWA Executive Secretary after 10 years of service.



Letters have been pouring in expressing concern for Gus' health and giving testimony to the outstanding job that he has done for our organization. Gus has become somewhat of a "legend" in QCWA and he has become known and loved by thousands. Records show that Gus processed 4704 membership applications since November of 1964 in addition to all the Golden Anniversary certificates, pin orders, etc.

Latest reports are that Gus is making weekly trips to the hospital for radiation treatments and tests, but he is feeling quite well. Drop him a note letting him know that you are thinking about him; and listen for him on the air. He's a great guy!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Normally, it is not expected that space in QCWA's News Bulletin is taken up by a message from your President. However, this time and in this year, big changes have been taking place in our Organization.

After ten years of service to QCWA as Executive Secretary and General Manager, Gus Gironda, W2JE, tendered his resignation effective August 1, 1974. Your Board of Directors accepted this and expressed their best wishes and thanks to Gus. (See minutes of the special meeting of the Board, pp 4)

It gives me great pleasure to announce that your Board unanimously selected as QCWA's new Executive Secretary, General Manager and Editor, Ethel Smith, K4LMB, of McLean, Virginia. (Refer to page 2 in this issue for biography and her outstanding career.)

Your Board of Directors and I feel that we are most fortunate to have one so capable and enthusiastic fill this most important slot in QCWA. In addition, Ethel receives a tremendous amount of assistance from her husband Tex, W4TE, another enthusiastic QCWA member. By the time you receive this newsletter, Ethel will be prepared to respond to any correspondence you may have.

We look forward to large increases in both our membership and numbers of new Chapters being formed. Our goal is to have every 25 year amateur become a member of QCWA.

Finally, your Officers, Directors, Ethel and Tex look forward to meeting many of you at the forthcoming QCWA National Convention in Orlando, Florida, October 24-26, 1974. Our Citrus Chapter and the Florida gang have been working very hard to make this the largest and finest gathering in our history.

Sincerely & 73,



Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

A special meeting of the officers and directors, called by the President, opened at 0950 on 12 June, 1974. All members were present with the exception of Secretary Wills, W1DJ and Director Clarence Seid, W2KWB.

President Gunther outlined programs of the Association and attendant problems. A letter was read from the Executive Secretary, A. J. Gironda, W2JE, indicating that he was resigning his duties in the Association effective 1 August. Robinson moved, Milligan seconded, that a letter be sent to Executive Secretary Gironda expressing the regrets of the officers and directors and accepting the resignation in its entirety, including the duties of Executive Secretary, Editor of the Newsletter and General Manager of the Association.

Robinson briefed the members present on the background of Ethel M. Smith, K4LMB, expressing her thoughts as a candidate for the office of Executive Secretary. Comments were made by all present concerning the applicants. Discussion was terminated to interview Miss Smith. Following the interview, Robinson moved, Gartsman seconded that Ethel M. Smith, K4LMB be selected as Executive Secretary of QCWA.

Director David reported that plans for the Annual Meeting, October 24-26, were progressing.

Miligan moved, Robinson seconded, to transfer funds from the time deposit account and the account in passbook savings to a $7\frac{1}{2}\%$, 4 year time deposit certificate with the Bowery Bank. The same motion included the transfer of funds from a Savings and Loan passbook account to a $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ time deposit certificate at the Franklin Bank. Miligan moved, seconded by David, that the operating account in the Mamaroneck branch of the National City Bank of New York be transferred to a new account in the name of the Association at the Fairfax County National Bank of McLean, Va., with the signatory of this account restricted to the Treasurer or the President or a Vice President.

The Treasurer reported on the life membership account and recommended that the life member fee be continued at a rate 15 times the annual dues. Miligan moved, Robinson seconded. Passed.

Devaney moved, Miligan seconded, that an Executive Committee be appointed by the President, consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and two Directors. The President appointed Directors Miligan and Robinson.

The President then thanked the officers and directors for being present and taking the time to come to Washington at their own expense.

Meeting adjourned at 1604 hours.

Abbreviated from minutes by Geo. D. Meserve, W2HGG
Secretary, pro tempore

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

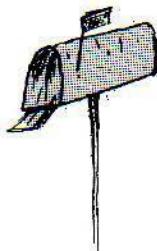
It is with considerable trepidation that I am taking on the job of Executive Secretary of QCWA. I knew I had a "big pair of shoes to fill," but the more I get into the job the more I can see just how big it is. I don't think many people realized just how much work Gus has been doing for us for the past 10 years. All I can say is that I will try to live up to the traditions that have been set. I do have one secret weapon: the OM, W4TE, will be working just as hard as I am on this job!

There was quite a bit of backlog developed during Gus's illness and the transfer of records to this office. I think I have that backlog worked down now and I'm going to try to provide prompt service in the future and eliminate any causes for delays. If there is anything still outstanding for more than a couple of weeks, let me know about it. For a while at least, it is liable to be "the squeaking wheel that gets the grease." So squeak!

I am also receptive to any suggestions you may have on what I can do to better serve you or what we can do to improve QCWA in general. It is going to take a while for me to "learn the ropes" and "get my feet on the ground" and I am anxious for your help. I do think I am going to thoroughly enjoy the job. QCWA is a wonderful organization made up of wonderful people and I'm looking forward to working with you.

Ethel M. Smith - K4LMB
Executive Secretary

BAD ADDRESSES



We had an awful lot of mail returned from the last Newsletter because of bad addresses. (Something like 300 copies!) Each one of these cost us 10¢ when they came back.

PLEASE, Fellows, let us know - in advance - when you move, even if it is only temporary. This includes summer/winter addresses.

If you regularly change address in summer and winter, please advise us before you make the change. We have too much mail going astray because someone decides not to go to Florida in October this year, as has been his habit, or someone in the family gets sick and he comes North in January instead of May. All of this costs us money - and you miss your Newsletter.

FROM NOW ON, AUTOMATIC SUMMER/WINTER CHANGES OF ADDRESS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. It will be up to you to let us know when to change stencils.

We are trying awfully hard to get the mailing list up-to-date and accurate - and keep it that way. Please help us in any way you can.

NATIONAL QCWA LUNCHEON
AT ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Metropolitan N.Y. Chapter was the host for the National QCWA Luncheon held in connection with the ARRL National Convention on Sunday, July 21, 1974. It was held at the Black Angus Restaurant, 1/2 block east of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS, National QCWA President, was the meeting Chairman.

Guest speakers were Armond Meyer, W3ACE, the former ambassador to Japan and Richard E. Wiley, FCC Chairman.



Photos by Roy, W2CF

W2ALS presented Mr. Wiley with an Honorary Membership in QCWA, as voted by the QCWA Board of Directors.

This luncheon meeting was attended by 130 QCWA members and guests. The attendance was limited because of the restaurant facilities, otherwise an additional 100 would have been present judging by the demand for tickets.

A special commemoration plaque was also presented to Dr. George W. Bailey, W2KH, on behalf of the Metropolitan N.Y. Chapter, for his devotion and leadership to amateur radio as former President of ARRL and AFCEA, and as a Fellow and Director of the Radio Club of America and former Director of QCWA. This award was accepted on behalf of W2KH (who now resides in Nashville, Tenn.) by Mr. Max Arnold, W4WHN, the Director of the Delta Division of ARRL.

Several 50 Year Awards were presented by Frank Gunther, W2ALS.

President Harry J. Dannals, W2TUK, who is also a QCWA Life Member, gave a short review of the highlights of the ARRL Board of Directors Meeting. The meeting closed with some prize drawings held by W2PF, Chapter Chairman, with the assistance of the new QCWA Executive Secretary, Ethel M. Smith, K4LMB.

W2PF

NEW MEMBERS

W2IVW	Richter	#9083L	W2AM	Berner	#9105
W4OKL	Watkins	#9084	W5GIQ	Canaday	#9106
W5LUN	Meyer	#9085	W4IIA	McAninch	#9107
W4PDK	Hipkens	#9086	K4EUX	Jones	#9108L
W3CHR	Knepp	#9087	W3PTS	Akers	#9109L
W4SB	Webb	#9088	K4NS	Kozacko	#9110
W8JJK	Freppel	#9089	JH1VOE	Nakamura	#9111
W9LUB	Norbury	#9090	W50QT	Snarr	#9112
VE3AKW	Crossley	#9091	W5DRE	Snarr	#9113
W3AIQ	Knedlhans	#9092L	W5GU	Cory	#9114
W2GKZ	Ferrier	#9093	VE3OH	Walker	#9115
W6EBX	Taylor	#9094	W2GUY	Dixon	#9116
W4YB	Totman	#9095	K2ILO	Boer	#9117
K4JKX	Delli Bovi	#9096	W6LB	Wollman	#9118L
W9EQO	Frederick	#9097	W1RWO	Phaneuf	#9119
W6TYR	Tiffin	#9098	W5QNT	Ditmore	#9120
W5YPN	McKinzey	#9099	W6YOL	Davis	#9121
W7JQY/			W4ZQT	Kooper	#9122
WB6DYJ	Smith	#9100	W3JEB	Anderson	#9123
W2AHY	Jacobson	#9101	W6ZCN	Wren	#9124
W3GVG	Wiseman	#9102	W5QIX	Allen	#9125
W3TG	Haynes	#9103	W3OVM	Jones	#9126
K4DF/			W5MCJ	Broudy	#9127
W5HKM	Hunsicker	#9104	W6QXL	Kreger	#9128

NEW CHAPTERS

Sixteen QCWA members have petitioned for Charter of the BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER in the State of North Carolina. Officers:

President: Harry Mills, K4HU
Sec/Treas: D.B. Appleton, K4RR

Fourteen QCWA members have petitioned for Charter of the CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST CHAPTER in the State of California. Nine new QCWA members were obtained at the organizational dinner meeting 13 additional members have expressed a desire to become charter member of the new chapter.

Secretary/Chairman Pro-tem:
Harriet L. Amborn, W6DOY

We also have reports of chapters forming in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Texas.

It only requires 10 QCWA members to form a chapter. How about hearing from some more of you?

AKRON OHIO CHAPTER

The Akron Ohio Chapter held a dinner meeting at Leon's in Akron on May 23, 1974. Twenty-two were in attendance. This was also the 6th anniversary of the Chapter. The newly acquired chapter banner was displayed at this meeting for the first time.

Sam Carr, W8UGF, the Chapter President gave a very fine talk on how to administer first aid to an individual who may have suffered a heart attack. Sam is a Red Cross First Aid Instructor.

Many thanks to Bob Vaughan, W8KJZ, for the fine photographs of the affair.



Greetings to our newest member, Don Turner, W8DIS. Very happy to have you aboard, Don.

The next Chapter dinner meetings are scheduled for September 26, 1974 and January 23, 1975. Members will be advised of the place and time.

The Ohio QCWA net on 3987 kHz is now off for the summer and will convene a week after Labor Day.

Everyone have a fine, healthy and enjoyable summer. Hope to see you all in September.

Chet, K8GRO

AUSTIN, TEXAS CHAPTER

The Austin, Texas Chapter of QCWA held a charter presentation dinner on May 19, 1974 at the "Chuck Wagon." There were over forty in attendance from various locations in Texas. Hal Sears (W5NC) from the Houston Chapter presented the charter in behalf of the QCWA President Frank Gunther.



Hal Sears, W5NC, presents

QCWA CHARTER

To Chapter President

Nemo Teykl, W5SD

The presentation comments were very interesting and appropriate. Hal urged members of the Austin Chapter to be active for full realization of the benefits of the QCWA.

There were 26 Charter Members in the Austin Chapter and the newly elected officers are: (as shown left to right)

OFFICERS

AUSTIN, TEXAS CHAPTER

Vice Pres:

Gene Mallard, W50MP

President:

Nemo Teykl, W5SD

Se/Treas:

Pete Peterson, W5OY



The Directors are: J. Donnell, K5VQG; Amos Peters, W5LHX; Bill Campbell, W5GPQ, and Roy Miller, W5FOZ.

Recognition was given to W5SD, W50MP and K5VQG for their special efforts in developing and promoting the Austin Chapter.

Photo by W5OY



KEY PROMOTERS OF AUSTIN CHAPTER

Gene Mallard, W50MP

Nemo Teykl, W5SD

Julius Donnell, K5VQG

W5OY

BALTIMORE MARYLAND CHAPTER

The annual Old Timers Dinner of the Baltimore Chapter of QCWA was held on 11 May, 1974. Forty-five members and guests were present. Two fifty year awards were presented to Ronald Johnson, W3WA, and Bruce Boyd, W3QA.

Jan King, W3GEY, who is employed by NASA, was the principal speaker of the evening. He told us about the construction, design and techniques employed on Oscar 7, which is to be launched soon. The dedicated amateurs of the United States, Canada, Australia and Germany, who made this equipment and mission possible, are to be congratulated on their fine efforts.

We had two foreign visitors who were guests of Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC: CE3GA and CE3KD from Chile.

Next event is the annual picnic on 14 September at the QTH of Cam Marie, W3EPR. This is the annual informal event to renew old friendships and find out how we are all doing. Guests of all interests are always welcome. The picnic is free to members of the Baltimore Chapter of QCWA; others \$2. Time: 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Louis Goetz, W3WK

JAPANESE AMATEURS

Japanese amateurs have been expressing considerable interest in QCWA and we are very optimistic that there will soon be a Japan Chapter. We already have three members: JA1VZ, JH1WIX and JH1VOE. Pictured below are some of the active Japanese amateurs.

JH1WDN	JH1WIX	JH1WKS	JH1XEO	JH1VOE
Masanobu	Taroh	Chiyono	Yoshiharu	Kojoiro
Tada	Yagi	Suzuki	Mita	Nakamura



CANTON OHIO CHAPTER

The May meeting of the Canton Chapter was held at Der Dutchman in Walnut Creek, with 42 in attendance. After a delightful dinner and an abbreviated meeting, the group enjoyed a most interesting program, presented by Gene Beckwith, W8KXR. Those of you that were unable to attend missed seeing some most unusual slides and a detailed narration of the rain forest in Brazil.

Two new members were welcomed to the chapter, Dave Polen, W8FRB and Fred Jacob, W8EAX. Visitors were Joel and Sharon Mullins, son and daughter-in-law of W8BSH, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bryant of Wheeling and Wellsburg, West Virginia.

Our next dinner meeting is August 17 at Buckeye Hotel in Uhrichsville, Ohio. Bring a friend.

After a long absence, we were glad to see Ed and Peg, W8LYQ in attendance.

Dr. Harold Stricker, W8WZ, of Marysville, became a silent key on June 16. Dr was well known among old timers. He, along with Ralph Cramer, W8VHO, also deceased, was instrumental in getting call letter license plates.

A big thank you to Gus Gironda, W2JE, a dedicated Executive Secretary and General Manager of QCWA. We, the members of the Canton Chapter, accept with regret your resignation. We sincerely hope your operation is a success and the road to recovery a short one. May good health, happiness and time permit you and your lovely wife Frances to return to Canton for an extended visit instead of an abbreviated one. 73, Gus, and 88 to Frances from all of us.

W8OYV

GUEST EDITORIAL

The August issue of QST reported FCC proposal (Docket 20092) to make Extra Class licensees eligible for any specific unassigned call. ... The 25-year requirement for a two-letter call would be dropped. ... As a consequence, it is considered that the availability of 1x2 calls in each District would rapidly become non-existent. Living in an era of great population mobility, this would unduly penalize the present holder of two-letter call who may relocate.....

It may be that some time requirement modification to a shorter interval is warranted; however, measures should be instituted to accord fair treatment to present two-letter call holders.

George A. Klassen, W8MH

CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER

The Charter for the new Chapter was presented by National Executive Secretary/General Manager Gus Gironda, W2JE at the QCWA meeting at the Dayton Hamvention. Presentation was made to Loren Windom, W8GZ, and Tom McCann, K8CM, protem officers of the Columbus petitioning group.

Using the Year-book for addressing, and the knowledge of the petitioning group of eligibles, notices of the Charter meeting were sent to more than fifty within fifty miles radius of Columbus. The response was very enthusiastic. A total of forty members and guests attended, including a dozen or so YFs.

The intention of the meeting was primarily to establish our formal organization and elect officers, decide on frequency of meetings (spring and fall), dues required to cover meeting notices, provide a membership roster (\$1/year) and leave the maximum amount of time for socializing and getting acquainted. Simplicity was the mood of the Chapter and the business was accomplished with neatness and dispatch. Officers and directors of the the Chapter are pictured below.



Photo by Ben, W8PCA

K8CM W8ZCQ W8QQ W8GZ

Director Sec/Treas President Director

A Xerox copy of the Charter was provided to each member present and copies were sent to each member who was unable to attend. Our first 50 Year Certificate was awarded to Roy K. Bolenbaugh, W8AZJ, in absentia. Roy was unable to attend because of illness in the family. His certificate was mailed to him.

All hands rallied round for the 6:30 cocktail hour, thoroughly enjoyed the full-course filet mignon dinner with all the fixins, the brief meeting, and then everyone stayed late to enjoy the full the socializing. Our next meeting will be held in October and it seems likely, as the word gets around, even more will attend. It is now recognized that many members will be served by the new chapter and many eligible for membership may join now that they have a chapter conveniently near where they can enjoy the fellowship of a meeting.

K8CM

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The annual "Sunday Brunch" meeting of the Chicago Chapter was held on July 28th at the Itasca Country Club, Itasca, Illinois. This was primarily a social meeting.

The attendance was very good with 82 OMs and YFs present, including two husband and wife ham teams - Harry Eckland, W9SKX and Frances, K9JSY; and Win Russel, W9RFS and Alfreda, WA9BZR. We also had a DX visitor, Howard Luttgens, W4KKM from Florida. Other guests and prospective members were: Herman Schultz, W9VFB; Bob Winston, W9WX; Ike Eichorst, W9RUK; Tom Drury, W9PKL; and Frank Jallits, W9OQX.



Harry, W9SKY - Frances, K9JSY



Moe, W9BOX & YF

The President read a few of the notes and comments from those who couldn't attend. Bob Baird, W9NN, was having guests from Minneapolis - WØELA and YF. He sent greetings from W1AE to Ken Hedrick, W9KO, and from Charlie Stimpson now living at St. Petersburg, Florida, and signing W4HIJ. Doc Tavenner, W9KZ, at Dixon, said he had planned to attend but had a severe heart attack on May 26 but was slowly mending. Gordon Gray, W9CG, said that he'd be on his way to KL-7 land. Glen Webster, W9NQM, had his daughter, son-in-law and grandson visiting from Phoenix. A letter from Harold Hayes, former R.I. in Chicago, now living in Evanston, said he was sorry he couldn't join us due to poor health. However, he sent greetings to all and a special nod to Ken, W9KO.

The President then explained that our membership drive, headed by Emerson Squires, W9BRX, will be deferred temporarily because of the change in Headquarters Staff. QCWA President Frank Gunther's letter was read telling us of the appointment of Ethel Smith, K4LMB, as Executive Secretary and asking us to postpone any concerted membership drive until all records could be transferred to the new office. In the mean time, we will develop a good list of potential members in the Chicago area so that we can get off to a good start in the Fall.

Updated membership lists were passed out. The meeting was opened for uninhibited yakking and sociability.

Mac, W9RC

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

The Cleveland, Ohio Chapter held its second annual Family Summer Picnic on Sunday, July 14, at the General Electric Co.'s private Nela Park Camp in East Cleveland, Ohio. Bill Louden, W8WFH, our Nela engineer, made the necessary arrangements to make these fine facilities available to our Chapter.

The afternoon's activities were enjoyed by 39 hams with their wives, husbands, children, grandchildren and friends for a total registered attendance of 86.

Old time gear, spark coils, tubes, receivers, components etc., were displayed by numerous members. Paul Cornell, W8EFW, secured many fine door prizes from local manufacturers and suppliers and personally donated tens of "grab bags" of worthwhile "goodies" that had been left over from his former electronics business. Swimming, shuffleboard, lawn darts, eyeball rag-chewing and the consumption of the wonders of dozens of picnic baskets' contents were enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation by President Earl Nelson, W8DS, of "Fifty Years Licensed in Amateur Radio Awards." (Photo by George Wagstaff, W8AZW).



(L-R) George Lister, W8NV; Max Baurer, W8ALI; David Gaede, W8KHS; John Kiener, W8AVH; and Weldon Sanger, W8LV. President Earl Nelson is at the extreme right.

Our Chapter's next regular function will be the Fall Ladies' Night Meeting and Banquet scheduled for Saturday evening, November 8 at the Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland Ohio. See you there.

John, W8LXT

DALLAS CHAPTER

The joint meeting of the Dallas and Tyler Chapters at the Rose Garden in Tyler was a real success and was well attended by Tyler and Dallas members and also by Houston members. The movies presented by W5FR, Lindsey, were very interesting. They were about the NASA program in which docking of Russian and U.S. Satellites will be accomplished, and will provide an insight into the relationship between Russian spacemen and those of our country. The Women's program was also well received. In all, there were about 65 people in attendance and it was great fun! Our hats are off to the Tyler group who engineered the gathering and made it so enjoyable.

Frank Sewell, W5IZU, had surgery on Friday the 26th of July. He was on the operating table quite a long time and used a great deal of blood; so we may be called upon to help out a little. Maurine says that he is doing well now and we are looking forward to hearing him back on the air.

Les Edmonds, W5GOO, is out of the hospital and taking it easy while he recuperates. Best of luck, Les, and we'll be glad to have you back when you're ready.

The Texas VHF-FM Society Convention was held on August 3rd and 4th at the Ramada Inn in Irving, Texas. A. Prose Walker was the featured speaker. The program presented some very interesting discussions and demonstrations, including the very first demonstration of TIRS (Texas Intercity Relay System) using repeaters linked up to provide wide area coverage during emergency situations. A number of very nice prizes were given away, too.

Let us know if there is any change in your address or phone number. And remember to pay your dues for the 1974-1975 year. Send in \$3 to Walt Wiederhold, W5OGZ, 2812 Pritchett Street, Irving, TX 75061 if there is a -74 after your name on the address label.

W5KNY & W5OGZ

DOWN WITH XYLS

You won't find any reference to XYLS in this issue of the News - or in any future issues! For years, ladies have been protesting that obnoxious term and the time has come for revolt.

A lady doesn't become a "has been" just because she married you. If she doesn't have her own ham ticket she is your YF (wife). If she is licensed, she is a YL - regardless of her age.

Let's hear no more of this "XYL".

YL K4LMB
(YF of W4TE)

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Several years ago Hal Adams, W5SGM, and Bill Bonnel, W5TI, began talking about forming a QCWA Fort Worth Chapter. After two years of procrastinating, plus a lot of "talking it over," the first actual meeting of nine QCWA members took place. At this meeting Rod Roderick, W5GU, was appointed temporary chairman, and another meeting was scheduled in two weeks, to be held at Pinto's spaghetti emporium where the beer is always cold and the spaghetti hot.

This meeting brought out some sixteen QCWA members who were interested in forming the new chapter. Joe Koski, W5KSX, was elected president. Tal Lawrence was elected Secretary-Treasurer. There were enough members at this meeting to make possible the forming of the new Fort Worth Cowtown Chapter. Paperwork was completed by the Secy-Treas and the request for the Charter sent in to Headquarters. The new Charter arrived in time for presentation at the first actual official meeting at which twenty-six members were present. The first official business was to take up a collection for a Chapter banner. It is easy to collect money after a few beers, and the correct amount for the banner was in the till in a matter of minutes. Hopefully, the banner will be here for the meeting of June 13. It was then voted to have meetings on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of the July and August meetings. July and August will be bypassed.

This has turned out to be a good, lively Chapter that will keep on growing. We will see a lot of you at the Texoma Ham-rama where our new banner will be proudly displayed.

Next meeting is scheduled on June 13th, at Mickey's, where the price of a fine rib-eye steak has been reduced fifty per cent to all QCWA members who make the meeting. Sorry we couldn't do the same with the beer! Cards will soon be in the mail from the Secy-Treas on this meeting.

The following is a list of the charter members of the Fort Worth Chapter: W5SGM, W5TI, W5UC, WA5JIK, W5GUZ, W5KSX, W5JAX, W5BBH, W5GCU, W5NJG, K5JIE, W5EJ, W5BYO, W5IWE, W5HZO, W5FOA, W5TPU, W5SXW, W5COK, W5CHU, W5QU, K5AH,

This is just the beginning; watch us grow.

W5TI, Historian

W6KW, John Griggs has just about sworn off cw. He says it is bad enough trying to explain that 6KW to the FCC without having to alibi for sending LO SOS OS, California.

GULF COAST CHAPTER

At a meeting on 18 May, 1974, at Norman Feehan's home (W5JHS) it was decided that an election of officers should be held. Secretary Braidwood mailed to all members information of the meeting and notified that the next on-the-air meeting would include nominations for new officers of this chapter. On the 28th of May, most members met the net and an election was held. W5IBO was unanimously elected President; W5LEB Vice President, and W5SPX as Secretary-Treasurer.

It has been decided that, due to distance and area covered by this Chapter, meetings will be held on the air on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Fellowship will be served and business can be handled more often. We will continue to hold the Sideband Dinner yearly, normally in the Month of May.

HISTORY

The formation of the Gulf Coast QCWA Chapter was the dream of W5JHS, Norman Feehan, who for many years has had the impetus to form and keep clubs, along with nets, progressing. The existence of this chapter is due to his enthusiasm and ability to lead. He and Tom, W5BW, have been outstanding officers of the chapter during the past 4 years.

The Gulf Coast Chapter Charter was issued on the 31st of October, 1970. The Charter was presented by Harold Sears, W5NC, Director of the 5th district. W5JHS was President and Thomas Braidwood Secretary-Treasurer. Charter members of the Chapter consist of the following: Ray Coker, W5CQJ; Harry Frazier, W5IZS; Richard Sneed, W5RY; "Monk" Allen, W5VJ; William Sharp, W5BOT; Charles Paxton, W5NNZ; Graham Hicks, W5IHP; George Adams, W5KHB; Vernon Robertson, W5JJA; Euel Fortenberry, W5NGA; Richard Morgan, W5JZK; Jesse Marcel, W5CYI; Robert Moffit, W5LEB; Howard Smith, K5BLV; Norman Feehan, W5JHS; Jim Conde, W5RUT; Fabian Husley, W5IBO; "Doc" Boles, W5SPX; Thomas Braidwood, W5BW; Frank Mashburn, W5VRH; "Duffy" Ornduff, W5RZP; Lester Stevens, W5TB; Joe Landry, W5QY; "Flip" Picoul, W5ANP and Walter Wilkes, W5OMK.

The Gulf Coast Chapter extends a most hearty welcome to all members of any chapter to meet with us on a frequency of 3925 kHz at 1930 CST on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The improvement of fellowship can not be served by keeping your rig off the air.

"Doc" W5SPX

HELP! Is there an E.F. Johnson Company radio engineer in the house? Cress, K4YL would like to hear from anyone technically familiar with the Johnson Invader Transmitter. Object: troubleshooting. Cress Donbar, K4YL; 4908 - 4th Avenue Circle, N.W.; Bradenton, Florida 33505.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

The Houston Chapter of the QCWA and the Houston Amateur Radio Club sponsored an Old Timers Night at the HARC Club House on May 25, 1974.

A special quiz type program was formulated for the Old Timers and their YFs. The quiz questions dealt with amateur radio equipment of the twenties and thirties. A special board of Learned Men was lined up to make sure that the participants point of view was clearly taken. This Board was made up of Past Presidents of QCWA Houston Chapter and Past Presidents of the Houston Amateur Radio Club.

Charles White, W5FEM, Otho Lindsey, W5FR, and many others jumped in and provided our Old Timers Night general chairman with all the support needed to make this an outstanding night for all to remember.

Lindsey, Dave & Monty

GOOD INVESTMENT

You know you are going to do it sooner or later. Why not send in for Life Membership before the end of the year and save that \$7.00 you will be paying for another three years dues. Fill in the form below. It is a good investment.

Quarter Century Wireless Association
2012 Rockingham Street
McLean, Virginia 22101

I don't want to pay QCWA dues anymore.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$35.00
to convert my present membership to that of

LIFE MEMBER

Signed _____ Call _____

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The Michigan Chapter held its regular annual dinner meeting at the Sun & Snow Motel at Cadillac, Michigan on May 4th. Fifty-two were present.

We were very happy to have eight of our new members who were signed up this last year: W8ZUL, W8DT, WB8CJA, W8TEE, W8QM, W8NI, WB8KWM, W8ETU.

The new officers were elected after some hard electioneering by some of the candidates. Winners were:

President: Jimmy, W8CTC
1st V.P. Gary, W8GJH
Secretary: Ed, W8IAC
Treasurer: Ed, W8CAM



W8IAC

W8CTC

W8GJH

W8CAM

We will have our summer picnic at Kenwood Park in Cadillac on Wednesday, August 14. Hope to see a lot of QCWAers there.

Ed, W8IAC

SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys.

W1DFS	Walter Rogers, #5891	W6DDH	George Tomlinson, #3898
W2MIN/W4BF	Phil Levison, #47	W6JJ	Lloyd Wells, #4763
W4KRC	James Bingham, #5347	W7FWR	Mary Ann Tatro, #2990
W5ZD	H. F. Rawls, #1060	W8YAB	Eugene Arnold, #4659
		W9DPL	Howard Severeid, #4033

QCWA National Convention

Orlando, Fla. Oct. 25-26

A National QCWA convention will be sponsored by the Florida QCWA Council on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26 at the HOWARD JOHNSON CONVENTION HOTEL, I-4 and the Sunshine Parkway near Orlando, Florida.

The program starts Friday at 3:00 p.m. with an open forum. Cocktails in the QCWA Hospitality Room will be served starting at 4:30 p.m. with a pay-as-you-go bar. No dinner is planned for Friday, but at 8:30 p.m. Ray Meyers, W6MLZ (1973 Amateur of the Year) will present the "Saga of the Nautilus" with movies narrated by Ray. Ray was the Radio Officer on that epic voyage.

On Saturday, October 26th, there will be a general business meeting starting at 3:00 p.m. Prior to this, those interested in attending the Officer-Installation meeting of the Suwanee Chapter (North Florida area) are invited to attend. This affair begins with a luncheon at 12 noon at the Howard Johnson. Reservations are required prior to October 15. Write to S.T. Gormsen, W4SW, enclosing check for \$4.00 & SASE. 7288 Alana Road Jacksonville, FL 32211.

The Hospitality Room will open Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Same arrangements as Friday. The big event of the convention is the Saturday Banquet starting at 7:30 p.m. FCC Commissioner Robert E. Lee will be the principal speaker. Fifty year certificates will be presented to a number of our members. There will be a special ladies' program, door prizes for men and ladies, favors and a host of other interesting items for your enjoyment. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 15th. There will be NO tickets at the door and no tickets held for pick-up. YF's and non-member friends are welcome. The banquet ticket is \$7.50 per person, including tax and gratuity. Send your check to K4NE.

You may make your hotel reservations directly with the Howard Johnson Convention Hotel
I-4 & Kirkman Road
Orlando, FL 32811

Rates are \$18.00 single and \$22.00 double (two beds). Advise that you are a QCWA member or guest to obtain the above rates.

The Convention was originally scheduled to be held at the Sheraton Towers Hotel; however, due to conditions beyond their control, they are not able to accommodate us. Therefore the convention has been moved across the street to the Howard Johnson Convention Center. For those who have already made reservations at the Sheraton Towers, those reservations will be automatically transferred to the Howard Johnson and you will receive confirmation from that hotel.

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Washington (DC)
West Branch, (Williamsport PA)
West Virginia (Central WV)
Wichita Mtn (Lawton Okla)
Wisconsin (Milwaukee)

YEARBOOK ERRATA SHEET

The new YEARBOOK went to the printers just about the time of the change in the office of the Executive Secretary. Therefore, the Masthead page shows the old mailing address. In order to keep mail from going to the old address for the next two years, will you please carefully lift out this center-fold and paste the new Masthead (opposite page) over the old one on page 1 of your Yearbook. We are hoping to get the new books from Mamaroneck about the time this News goes out.

If there are any corrections to be made in the Yearbook, please send the information to the new Executive Secretary.

Ethel has suggested that we should have a roster listed in alphabetical order by last name. So many people are changing call sign these days, either by going to Extra Class or by moving to new call sign areas in retirement, and it is becoming difficult to keep up with them.

Printing a new roster is an expensive proposition. If one were prepared, would you be willing to pay around \$3.00 for a copy? Let us know your reaction. If there is a great enough response, we will try to produce a new Alphabetical-by-Name directory.

After you have removed this sheet, you will find the remaining center-fold advertising the 1974 QCWA National Convention in Orlando, Florida. You surely will want to attend.

Use the Reservation Form at the bottom of this page to make your reservations for the Banquet on Saturday night, October 26. (Then you won't have to cut up your Newsletter).

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR

Date _____

Mr. Lewis W. Sieck, K4NE
12270 4th Street East
Treasure Island, FL 33706

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ tickets at \$7.50 each for the QCWA National Convention Banquet on Saturday, October 26, 1974.

PLEASE PRINT: Name _____ Call _____

Address _____ Zip _____

ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR RETURN
OF YOUR TICKETS

ORLANDO AREA ATTRACTIONS

WALT DISNEY WORLD - Walt Disney World offers a total destination resort just 25 minutes southwest of Orlando that includes the Magic Kingdom theme park. Enjoy the fun and fantasy of all six themed lands with over 30 exciting attractions. Two 18-hole championship golf courses are open to the public, and water recreation can be enjoyed on Bay Lake and Seven Seas Lagoon.

SEA WORLD - Visit the "world's largest marine park" just 15 minutes south of Orlando. Watch Shamu - the two ton killer whale - perform spectacular feats. See an exciting dolphin show, the seal and penguin show, the the huge World of the Sea Aquarium featuring sharks, sea turtles and exotic fish. Experience Fountain Fantasy, an exciting computerized water show, and tour the authentic Japanese Village.

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER - See where man leaves the earth to walk on the moon at the Kennedy Space Center, 60 minutes east of Orlando. Public bus tours leave the Visitors Information Center daily for Florida's most educational and historic experience. View the sites of many historic rocket launches. Photograph Moon Launch Pad 39A and the Vehicle Assembly Building - one of the world's largest buildings.

CYPRESS GARDENS - Just 55 minutes southwest of Orlando see the all new Cypress Gardens Water Ski Revue from the new Marine Stadium. Enjoy the quiet electric boat rides, or walk the winding pathways with colorful azaleas and bougainvillea. Marvel at over 9,000 varieties of plants and flowers gathered from all parts of the world to make Cypress Gardens "America's Tropical Wonderland."

SINGING TOWER - The Singing Tower and Mountain Lake Sanctuary are just 55 minutes south of Orlando in the "Scenic Highlands" of Central Florida. The 205 ft. Carillon Tower was built in 1929 and presented to the American people by writer Edward W. Bok. The sanctuary is filled with nature trails, birds and flowers. Carillon recitals are given daily at 3:00 p.m.

SST AVIATION EXHIBIT - Just 20 minutes south of Orlando see a full scale mockup of the U.S. Supersonic Transport. Designed to carry 300 people at 1800 miles per hour, it is the most advanced aircraft design in commercial aviation history. Also see the "Sea Dart," the world's first water-based supersonic airplane, and follow the evolution and milestones of powered flight on a 260' mural and over 600 model aircraft.

CIRCUS WORLD - Preview the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus World just 35 minutes west of Orlando. The Preview Center is a Circus World in miniature, replete with rides, attractions, and a circus boutique. When completed in 1975, Circus World will offer daily circus performances plus a living history of the circus.

BUSCH GARDENS, SILVER SPRINGS, FAMOUS BEACHES, all near Orlando.



1974 NATIONAL CONVENTION

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

October 25 - 26

Howard Johnson Convention Hotel
I-4 & Kirkman Road
(Exit 75 from Sunshine Parkway)

No Registration Fee
Saturday Night Banquet \$7.50
Suwanee Chapter Luncheon \$4.00

PROGRAM

Starts Friday at 3 p.m. with an Open Forum
Cocktails in the QCWA Hospitality Room at 4:30
Ray Meyers - W6MLZ at 8:30 presenting
"The Saga of the Nautilus"

SATURDAY

General Business Meeting 3:30 p.m.
Banquet 7:30 p.m.
FCC Commissioner Robert E. Lee, main speaker
50 Year Awards
Door Prizes, Favors
Displays

See page 20 for details and registration form

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National ARRL Convention in New York City, July 19-21 attracted a crowd estimated at over 4000 people. There were many excellent forums, extensive exhibits, group meetings and luncheons and a big banquet on Saturday night.

Principal speaker at the banquet was ambassador Armin Meyer, W3ACE, who gave an excellent talk on the "people-to-people" aspects of amateur radio. The need for "grass roots" public relations was emphasized.

At the FCC Forum on Sunday morning, FCC Chairman Richard Wiley's talk was most reassuring to the amateurs and indicated a new level of cooperation between the FCC and ARRL. Chairman

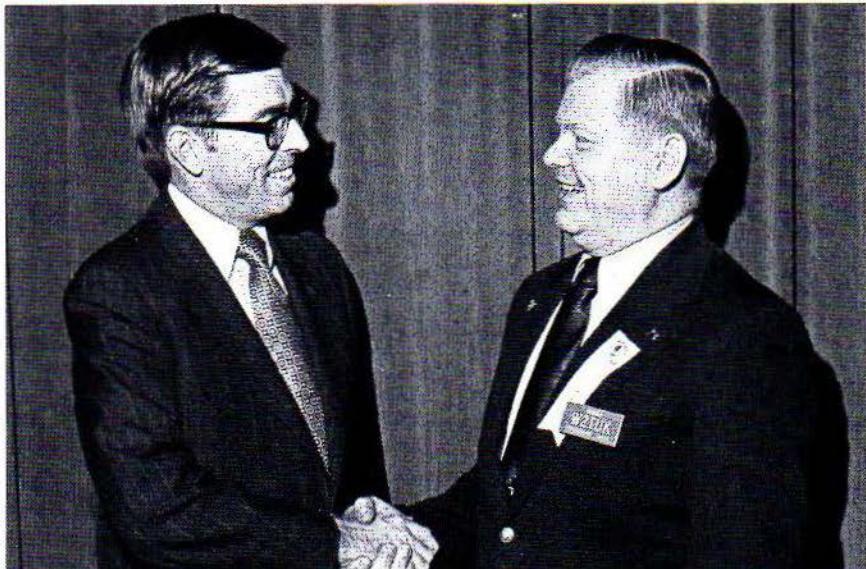


Photo by Norman Tavan, K3QDC

The tone of the convention is displayed in this photo of FCC Chairman Richard Wiley and ARRL President Harry Dannals

Wiley and staff members Johnson and Everett answered questions from the floor and gave very complete and direct answers. They indicated that no-code class of VHF license is probably on the way. License fees may be reduced. Notice on the proposed "re-structuring" may be out as early as September.

The ARRL Forum was well attended. League President Harry Dannals, W2TUK, expressed concern that the number of licensed amateur radio operators is decreasing and he indicated his support of the "No-Code" license as one way to bring new blood into the amateur ranks. He reported on the new detente between ARRL and FCC and expressed his optimism about the future.

K4LMB

COMING EVENTS

18th Annual QCWA QSO Party

The last Annual QCWA QSO Party, hosted by the Chicago Area Chapter, proved to be one of the best ever.....with 227 QCWA members sending in logs, and probably double that number taking part at least for a few contacts.

The 18th Annual Party will be held on the weekend of February 7 - 9, 1975, beginning at 2400 GMT, Friday the 7th and ending at 2400 GMT on Sunday the 9th.

As usual, we are asking that a local Chapter of QCWA assume the sponsorship of the Party. If your Chapter is interested in the work, please contact

Ted Heithecker, W5EJ
1409 Cooper Drive
Irving, TX 75061

Full details of the scope of the work, and assistance in setting up rules and scoring procedures will be supplied to the sponsoring Chapter.

Please contact us no later than October 15....and if no Chapter volunteers, we'll pull a name out of the hat!

Ted, W5EJ

QCWA NATIONAL CONVENTION - Continued

Plan now to attend this convention and bring along the family to enjoy a vacation in this wonderful area. Walt Disney World, Sea World, Kennedy Space Center and the famous Cypress Gardens are only a short drive from the Howard Johnson. There are 7 golf courses within 15 minutes driving time.

Send in the reservation form at the bottom of this page. We will be looking forward to seeing you at Orlando.

Date _____

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QCWA FAMILY TEAM

Helen and Si Morrison, W6OSL and W6OSD are San Diego Chapter's husband and wife team.



W6RT Photo

Helen first received her General license in 1948 as W3OLY. She was very active on ten meters at that time, and made WAS on ten meter phone. She served as the Washington, D.C. outlet for the "Marine Corps Net" with letters of commendation for her service. Helen was President of YLRL in 1949.

When the OM was transferred to Bainbridge Island, Wash., she held the call W7OLY. Upon their return to the Washington DC area, they served as contact for the Eye Bank Net. Helen was also Secretary for the Rock Creek Amateur Radio Association and prepared club news copy for the area magazine Auto-Call. She was granted an honorary membership in the Washington, D.C. Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club (WAYLARC), where she has been a member for many years.

Helen is the only YL member of San Diego Chapter. OM, Si is Chapter Secretary.

Gene, W6OED

(Thanks to San Diego for the above copy. How about some more stories on QCWA family teams?)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The next Newsletter will be due about the first of December. Deadline for copy for this issue will be the 15th of November. Send all club news to the Executive Secretary/Editor. Feature column material should go to Feature Columnist Ted Heithecker, W5EJ.

METROPOLITAN N.Y. CHAPTER

Chapter members were very active at the National ARRL Convention held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York July 19 to 21, 1974. Booth space for QCWA was provided by the Convention Committee. Several antique items were on display, including a Grebe CR-12 receiver and a 1/2" spark coil and spark gap loaned by W2FAR. A miniature spark set was improvised by W2AIM and many young hams visiting the booth saw a spark set in operation for the first time. Over 150 QCWA members signed the register during the convention. The booth was manned by W2AYI, W2AAZ, W2AIM and W2PF.

On July 20th, CBS-TV visited the QCWA display and took some video tape of W2AIM and W2FZ discussing amateur radio and showing the operation of the spark set. This video tape was subsequently shown during the CBS news program on Channel 2 in New York and also in many other cities. It provided excellent publicity for amateur radio and QCWA.

The Metropolitan N.Y. Chapter also handled the initiation ceremonies of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong as a feature of the National ARRL Convention. It was held at 5:00 p.m. on July 20th (corresponding to Midnight WHT (Wouff Hong Time)). The following Chapter Members participated in the Initiation:



Photo by Norman Tavan, K3QDC

The Spirit of Amateur Radio - Dudley F. Phelps, W2QU
Crystal - - - Sam Lasser, W2DAX
QRM - - - Clarence Seid, W2KW/KV4AB
The Old Man - Arthur L. Greenberg, W2LH
QRN - - - David W. Winter, W2AUF

The Novice was Frank Diego, WN2UQN
Master of Ceremonies was David Talley, W2PF. Sentinels were
William H. Kunzler, W2AVI; Francis F. Percival, W2DP;
Nathaniel Pfeffer, W2AIM; John F. Rider, W2RID.

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METROPOLITAN N.Y. CHAPTER - Continued from page 25

The members of the ROWH Initiation Team put on an excellent performance in their outlandish costumes. Judging by the hilarious action of the audience, all enjoyed the performance. A sell-out crowd of over 350 attended.



Photo by Norman Tavan, K3QDC

The first Fall meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19 at Noon at the Engineers' Club, 32 West 40th Street, New York. The program will include a sound movie taken in Haiti, courtesy of American Airlines, showing its DX possibilities.

Chapter officers are: David Talley, W2PF - Chairman
Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM - Sec/Treas

TOP BRASS AT THE QCWA LUNCHEON



Photo by Roy, W2CR

ARRL President
Harry Dannals

FCC Chairman
Richard Wiley

QCWA President
Frank Gunther

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

On July 28th the Nebraska Chapter held a meeting at the North Central Nebraska Radio Club Annual Steak-fry and Ham-fest at Victoria Springs State Park, located in the beef and sand-hill country. Fourteen chapter members were present. Due to the absence of our Secretary, whose YF was in the hospital, WØMW volunteered to act as Secretary pro-tem. President WØGEQ presided.

The President announced the appointment of a nominating committee for officership in 1975. Their report is to be presented during our chapter meeting scheduled during the Midwest ARRL Division Convention in South Sioux City, Neb. on October 5th. The committee is comprised of WØERM, WØEWO, WØEXP, (The "E's" have it!) with WØMW as chairman. Several by-laws changes were discussed but rejected after discussion.

It was agreed that our chapter would sponsor a 11:45 a.m. luncheon for QCWA members, wives, and other qualified candidates, at the Fife & Drum Cafe, on October 5th during the convention. A chapter meeting will follow, after excusing non-members, so the nominating report can be presented.

Forty to fifty QCWA members are expected to attend the luncheon, and WAØZYC is in charge of any motel or hotel reservations. No reservations are necessary for our chapter dutch-treat luncheon.

The chapter Secretary, WØFQB and YF attended the funeral of our deceased member WØGYM. A sympathy card from the chapter was forwarded.

Treasurer WØVYX reports on the treasury, indicating a paid-up membership of 53. Tom also contributed and distributed new chapter membership cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. and everyone executed a "wagon ho," and headed out for those famous "Nebraska Steaks."

Bob, WØMW

NOSTALGIA

W7WK sent in a QSL card showing confirmation of a QSO with W7SY on July 26, 1974. He also sent along another QSL showing contact with the same station exactly 51 years ago - to the month, day and hour.

The first QSO was on 200 meters and "QSS" was bad. (Fading) We hope to have room to reproduce copies of the cards in the next issue of the News.

George comments that the city fathers of Dallas, Oregon purchased his 1/2 KW spark in 1922, for \$85.00, "to get me out of BCL's hair."

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

All visitors to New England are urged to call into the Chapter net Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. local time on 3917 kHz. Carry your YEARBOOK with you and visit members in the towns through which you pass.

The Chapter meeting was held on May 19 in Portsmouth, N.H. The weather man cooperated fully and a great time was had by all. WLLN was elected President, K1AAQ - Vice President, W1DJ - Secretary-Treasurer, and W1KJ and W1DVM as Board Members.

Net attendance remains high although we have yet to exceed the 47 check-ins of one net last fall.

A chapter picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Clint Cummings (W1EFFY), in Groton, Mass. Clint had a heart operation a few months ago and is now doing well, we are happy to report.

We received a card from W1IYD - Larry and Lucy who dropped same into a mail box in no less a place than Anchorage, Alaska. K1AAQ and Kay recently spent some time in New York and New Jersey. W1AB had recent knee operation.

One of our members, Bob Chapman, W1QV, has retired from his daily labors and has informed me he will not seek re-election to the post of ARRL director for New England when his present term expires. Bob most certainly deserves much credit for his efforts on behalf of amateur radio and we wish him well in his retirement. Bob, you rascal, I will now expect to have you call into the net every Sunday.

With deep regret I learned of the passing of a personal friend and an old timer in amateur radio - Walt Rogers, W1DFS. He underwent surgery on July 31st and on August 6th suffered a cardiac arrest. He will be missed.

Harry Wills, W1DJ

Presentation of 50-Year Award to Paul Girard, KP4CB at the annual meeting of the Radio Club of San Juan, P.R. Presentation was made by the President of the San Juan Club



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Everything seems to be running along in good shape in the Norcal Chapter. We are having fine turnouts every Sunday morning on SSB at 9:30 a.m. on 3907 kHz and cw at 10:45 a.m. on 3768 kHz. Many thanks to Bill Green, W6BYS; Earl Putzker, W6PQA; and Gordon Leonard, K6CA, for running the nets so efficiently! Congratulations are in order to Bill on his recent marriage.

We had a nice annual luncheon at the Marco Polo Restaurant in Oakland. Slides were shown of the 1958-59 operations from KG4USB in Antarctica, and Temp Campbell, W6ELW, presented slides from past QCWA functions.

Our next social event will be the annual picnic. It will be held again at Walt Cooper's, W6CDJ, home in Woodside on Sunday, September 8th. Again, many thanks to Walt for inviting us to his fine QTH. Anyone qualifying for a 50 year certificate, please contact Russ Estep, W6AUC so it may be presented at this time. Russ reports that some new members have joined us but we are always looking for more. So continue to talk it up with your contacts over the air.

Some QCWA members had a very enjoyable time at the West Coast meeting of the Antique Wireless Association April 27th at Foothill College in Los Altos. Much fine gear traded hands at the flea market, plus some very interesting talks were given. A museum for early wireless equipment is set up on the college ground beside the observatory. All members are urged to see the exhibit.

CU on the air.

Hank, W6ON

QCWA WORKED 100 CERTIFICATES

For many years, QCWA has awarded Certificates to those who supply proof of contacts with 100 other QCWA members. We are continuing this practice with the added feature of numbering all Certificates beginning with Serial Number 1 to be issued after September 1, 1974. A record book will be kept as a QCWA property listing all such awards.

QCWA members working more than 100 other members in the 18th Annual QSO Party will automatically receive a Certificate with numbers so issued being assigned alphabetically by call-signs, using only the letters following the District number. Those who would like to try for a low number should make application for Certificates to

Ted Heithecker, W5EJ
1409 Cooper Drive
Irving, TX 75061

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

The annual Northwest Chapter meeting was held on June 8 and 9 in Penticton, B.C., at the Penticton Inn. A total of 67 members registered from Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Alberta and British Columbia.

Following the banquet, attended by 124 members and YFs, a most interesting talk was presented by Dr. John Galt, VE7CAU, Director of the White Lake (B.C.) radio telescope. His interesting subject stressed the similarity between amateur radio and radio astronomy plus some history and a review of the work in which he is involved. Dr. Galt later presented a film dealing with radio astronomy in Canada which was produced by the National Research Council.

Chairman "Jack" Robinson made the presentation of a QCWA Merit Award to "Dewey" Wilson, W7HF.



Photo by W7OS

QCWA Merit Award was presented to W7HF

Sunday morning the group gathered at White Lake for a tour of the radio telescope facility. Upon return, following a buffet lunch, the group was treated to slides and description of NORAR facilities at Colorado Springs by Owne Morris, VE7DLH, who prior to retirement was Canadian Military Liaison Officer.

A Section 2 (Southwest Washington) meeting was held in Centralia, Washington, April 27, 1974 with 46 in attendance. There were quite a few from neighboring sections, namely Seattle and Portland. Everybody enjoyed the ham and/or prime ribs of beef plus the trimmings served buffet style. The food was excellent and plentiful. Lloyd "Sparky" Hale, W7EEA, provided piano entertainment during the evening.

An interesting collection of colored slides was presented by Dr. Bacon, taken last year while serving aboard the Hospital

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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER



The June 30 meeting was held at the delightful estate of our host, Carl, K3KPI, and his charming wife Lorna, at Glenwillard, Pa. Hats off to them for an outstanding job. An informal buffet style dinner was served with 23 present: W3KPI, W8CWY, W3KRG, W3LPF, W3ATQ, W3ZDW, W3DM, W3VRZ, W3IWD and their YFs. Also W3DJ, W3UHM, W3LGD, W3JAV and guest W3BSF.

New officers were selected for the coming year with W3LGD re-elected to another term as President, and W3LPF, Mark, as Secretary.

The tentative date for the next bash has been selected for the first Sunday in October. Time and place to be determined within the near future.

At the previous meeting, on April 21, fifteen of the faithful attended: W3KPI, W3DM, W3KVS, W3ATQ, W3VRZ, W3LPF and their YFs, and W3LGD, W3YD and W3JAV. Again, a most enjoyable afternoon.

Going back to January, a delightful dinner was held on this Sunday with 22 attending. W3LGD, W3KPI, W3KVS, W3DM, W3ATQ, W3KRG, W3IDO, W3ZDW and their YFs and W3JQ with his YL. W3VRZ, W3LPF, W3UHM and W3JAV came solo.



A hearty welcome to the following new members: W3DJ, Tom Gibson; W3IWD, Carmen Pastella; WA3TJC, Don Hansen.

Congratulations to Carl, W3KPI, and Lorna on their 40th wedding anniversary, May 26. Our best wishes for the retirement of Dave, W3TFU. He is moving down to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. See you on 3910 kHz on Sundays at 0930 EDST. Mark, W3LPF

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

IT'S TIME FOR BRUNCH!! On Sunday morning, September 8th, we expect you along with the YF or a friend, to show up at the semi-annual Chapter Brunch. Same nice place - Vacation Village Motel. Our program will be presented by James Spurgeon of CONVAIR. He will relate the history of Gliders in San Diego County. Serving time is 11:00 - but come early for a little socializing with the guys and gals you haven't seen for quite some time.

We hope to be able to present a Meritorious Award Certificate to Romeo Bildeau, K6PM. A request for the certificate has been sent to Headquarters. As you know, Romeo has been tireless in his continuing efforts in behalf of the Chapter and is especially deserving of this recognition.

The Village is a lovely place for these get-togethers and we expect a capacity crowd.

THE ARRL SW DIVISION CONVENTION is moving along very well now and many outstanding prizes have been obtained by Prize Chairman Joe Calvin, WB6LEB. All committees are showing encouraging progress and things are beginning to "fall" into place." The usual number of special breakfasts are being planned, so get ready for the QCWA breakfast or the YL/YF offering.

THE WIDOW'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM which has been mentioned a couple of times at recent QCWA meetings, has, by reason of the death of Corwin H. Stevens, W6QI, become a functioning group. Although W6QI was not a member of our Chapter, he was an active amateur and we are very sorry to lose him. Harold Bolrell, K6NZ, along with Dave Osborne, WB6LNL and Harley Gabrielson, K6DS, will meet with Mrs. Stevens to offer what ever assistance and advice she may desire in connection with the disposition of a rather large list of amateur equipment. K6NZ will be representing our Chapter.

At the Chapter meeting of May 14, our Program Director Frank Jallu, W6GU, arranged for a talk by Pat O'Reiley, Development Director for the San Diego Zoo. Pat touched on various interesting phases of the world-wide known zoo. An excellent film was shown on the background and development of the "Wild Animal Park" some 30 miles distant from the Balboa Park Zoo where many endangered species roam freely in a congenial habitat. It may be of interest to know that San Diego Zoo is an incorporated institution almost entirely supported by the people in the area through contributions, memberships, and general admissions.

On May 23, some of our members and YFs joined with 60 "Colegas y Amigos" West Coast Amateurs and 26 XEs from Tijuana and Ensenada for a charter flight to Guadalajara, Mexico for the 42nd L.M.R.E. National Convention. The group included W6QP, W6DEY, W6JMA, W6OED and wives. Upon our arrival, we were met by Jerry, W6JAO, and his twin brother (continued on page 33)

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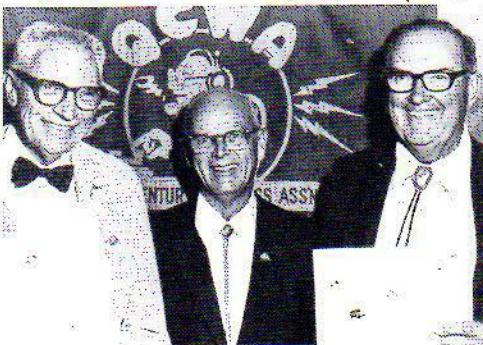
Harold, W6BEU, who were on a motor trip in the area. The visit to this very interesting 400 year old city (where it is spring every day of the year) was most enjoyable. We made new friends and renewed old acquaintances.

The highlight of our July 9 meeting was the presentation of 50 Year awards to Louis A. Cartwright, K6SQ (our Chapter's first chairman) and Charles I. Hodgson, W6NYH. Also on the list but unable to attend were Lyle Fisher, K6NC and Robert Rice, W6QF.

50 YEAR AWARDS
TO

Lou Cartwright, K6SQ
and
Chas. Hodgson, W6NYH
Chapter President K6CM
at center

Photo courtesy W6RT



Our member Therman Beach, W600X was #84 in the QCWA contest. He reports he has won a lot of bets flipping that wooden nickel he received as a prize. He says the secret is to whistle CQ in cw on the flip.

We here in San Diego, and I'm sure Chapters all across the country were deeply disappointed to read of the retirement of Gus Gironda as Executive Secretary, particularly for health reasons. Many of us had the pleasure of talking with Gus at conventions all across the country, and through the years we have come to depend on Gus for all our little and great needs from the National Headquarters. Our most sincere wishes, Gus, for your complete recovery and continued good health and happiness.

The San Diego Net meets every Wednesday at 0300 GMT on 28.6 MHz. Sometimes a long skip is on, so look out for us.

Gene, W6OED

Those who complain about the way the ball bounces are usually the ones who dropped it.

(Stolen from Doug's Dandies - W500G)
Brownsville, Texas

SPACEPORT CHAPTER

A dinner meeting of the Spaceport Chapter was held at the Sweden House Restuarant, Merritt Island, Florida, on June 8.



In the center of the photo, is the Chapter's President Walt Hicks, K4PQ. To his right, Glenn Diggs, W4BFQ, and on the extreme right, Penny Bowen, W4SLD. Glenn is the Chapter's Vice President and Penny is the Chapter's acting program chairman. (Ladies were not identified.)

Bill, K4JPF



We caught these three fellows at the St. Petersburg Hamfest at Lake Magiore, Florida on the 5th of May, 1974. (Left to right) Lew Sieck, K4NE; Frank Kratokvil, K4RE; and Dewey Villareal, W4BM.

Art, K4QG

TYLER CHAPTER

Our June 29 Tyler-Dallas Annual Picnic was a huge success, with members and friends from as far away as Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, El Paso and Austin. We were very happy to have the President of the El Paso Chapter, along with his YF; W5ALL and YF; W5BHD and YF, W5FHY and YF, W5CCD and YF, W5AXA and YF, along with all the other fine people, for a total of 60 PLUS. (Everyone didn't sign the register!). The program on Roses, by Dr. Eldon Lyle, and the excellent program from NASA by Lindsey, W5FR, were well received.

We did foul up, however. We planned a one day affair and there was enough food left over for another go-round. Oh, well, we can't win 'em all. How about that freezer of ice cream that came from up Dallas way? The Dallas and Houston chapters were well represented, which is usually the rule for those nice people.

Officers elected for the ensuing year:

President: Lynne Hull, W5QWB
Vice Pres: Clayton Vredenburg, W5NYN
Sec/Treas: Frank Sewell, W5IZU

Directors are: Gordon Ash, W5CY; Merrell Frazer, W5ALL; Barney Moffatt, W5CJZ; C.F. Montemayor, W5YZ.

We are looking forward to a good year for QCWA in the Tyler Chapter. It is the plan of your new President to have at least one meeting per quarter and possibly more. We may even change the scenery and have some of our meetings in other near-by cities. We will do our best to keep you informed in newsletters and by on-the-air promotion. To our outgoing President and Vice President, Chuck and Les, thanks for your service in our cause.

As you know, our fiscal year ends on July 30, which means that dues in the amount of \$3.00 yearly have come around again. Current dues will be for the '74-'75 year. If you haven't already paid, we would be glad to have your check soon so that we may prepare an up-to-date roster of all active members.

Lynn, Clayton and Frank

QCWA PIN DELAYS

We receive many inquiries, and complaints, about slow delivery on QCWA pins and buttons. It is just one of those things we have to live with. We can't place an order for less than about 25 at a time, so there is some delay while orders are accumulating. Then the engraver takes as much as 10 weeks to get the pins back to us!

If you want a pin for Christmas, get your order in now! If you have an order in, please be patient. It will be coming.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

The Sunday morning net has been having good attendance with an average of 25 check-ins. A recent net disclosed several that wanted a "Signal Corps Auxillary," as many served as instructors in the Signal Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force, etc., When a roll was taken of those serving, a comment was made, "Where are the students?" Apparently the hams became instructors and the students were non-hams and quit after the war, was one observation. Those serving as instructors and key personnel were:

Ray Bade, W9NJH, our Chairman
 Reno Goetsch, W9RQM
 Milton (Bill) Rousar, W9EDS
 Elmer Miller, WB9CSQ
 Herb Gerend, W9OUT
 Harv Hamer, K9YHO
 Clarence (Bud) Finger, W9EIZ
 Chester Sakura, W9CTI

This was a quick check and, no doubt, there are others.

The fall Dinner-meeting will be held October 5th at the Dellview Hotel in Lake Delton, near Wisconsin Dells.

= Chet, W9CTI

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Ship "HOPE," at Natal, Brazil. Bill Lucas, W7AEF provided a box of "goodies" for draw prizes. Dewey Wilson, W7HF, had on display a new TNT transmitter right out of July 1930 QST, with push-pull 210s. Dewey said he made it from spare parts which had been around for years and only cash outlay was 35¢ for some mounting screws. Novel feature - the tank coil and antenna coils were made of 1/8" solid copper wire rather than copper tubing. What's more, it really worked.

Fifty Year Awards were presented at the Penticton meeting to William P. Gilbert, W7QA; G.A. "Jeff" Woodhouse, W7FL; and William J. Lozott, W7CA.

Stan, W7AYO



Photo by W7OS

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air, both phone and cw, as W7FWB, W3MSU and now K4LMB. She was the Section Emergency Coordinator for the State of Virginia from 1966 through 1969 and has served as an Assistant and Director in the ARRL Roanoke Division for the past 7 years.

She has been active in organizational activities, starting with her letter to QST in 1939 which promoted the organization of the Young Ladies Radio League. She served as the first president of YLRL and as Treasurer in 1957. She was organizer and first president of the Naval Research Laboratory Amateur Radio Club, the WAYLARCS, and the Washington DC TVI Committee. She has served as president of the Washington Radio Club, the Washington Mobile Radio Club and the Northern Virginia Radio Club. She has organized and taught code and theory classes for several of these clubs and for the McLean, Va. YWCA. She has been the recipient of several Outstanding Service awards and was presented the Roanoke Division ARRL Service Award in 1972.

Professionally, Ethel started out in the early days of RADAR in WW-II at Sand Point and Quonset Point Naval Air stations. After the war she came to the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington D.C. where she worked in the Special Research section until 1954. She then joined a new group in electronic evaluation. At the time of her retirement in 1969, after 28 years of government service, she was a GS-13 Branch Head in charge of the analysis lab at the Navy Scientific and Technical Center.

Just to make sure she lives up to the Amateur's Creed, she is also on the Board of the McLean Citizens' Association, president of the Franklin Park Woman's Club, and a member and past president of the Countryside Garden Club.

Happily married for the past 14 years to W4TE, she gives much credit to Tex for his considerable assistance in all of her projects. In fact, she says, "QCWA is getting two for the price of one." Tex is a very active cw traffic man and they are frequently heard on the air at the same time (on different bands) operating "His and Hers" stations - complete with separate antenna systems.

Tex was first licensed in 1925 as 5PK, later W5PK, then W3CN and finally W4TE. He retired in 1967 after 28 years with the Federal Communications Commission.

Ethel and Tex will now be bringing their energy and enthusiasm to the job of Executive Secretary of QCWA.

(The photo was taken at the Washington, D.C. Chapter banquet. The background now seems rather prophetic!)

EDITORIAL

As my first issue as Editor of the QCWA News, this copy had a pretty short deadline and I know there is a lot of room for improvement. But we were anxious to meet the September schedule and get out timely publicity on the National QCWA Convention in Orlando, so speed seemed more important than "perfection." I will put more thought into the December issue. In the mean time, your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

I want to especially thank Ted Heithecker, W5EJ, for his cooperation. He has made every effort to forward material to me and to be helpful in every way. And Gus Gironda, W2JE, has been absolutely wonderful. Ted will continue on the staff as Feature Columnist. He will write the "Nostalgia" column and other special features such as the "QCWA Families" column, etc. He will also handle the "Worked 100 QCWA Awards" and manage the QCWA QSO Parties; And he will continue to help on establishing the eligibility of applicants who do not have available proof of their qualifications. Ted has been a "right arm" to Gus for some time and I am delighted that he is willing to continue in assisting me. *

The next QCWA News will be due about the first of December. Deadline for copy for that issue will be the 15th of November. Send all club news, etc., to the Executive Secretary/Editor - K4LMB. Feature column material should go to W5EJ.

Let us hear from all of you with news of your Chapter or your personal activities. Pictures are always welcome. The smaller sizes are preferred, so we can gang them together and get several on one half-tone cut. Black and white photos are preferred over color (they cost us extra to process) but we would rather have a good color shot than a poor B&W copy. Our printer gets excellent results from color. I will try to return photos and other material when requested. An SASE will improve your chances!

I may have to use a bit of "blue pencil" to keep the News down to size, but I will do my best to include at least the highlights from every Chapter that submits copy. The Editor does reserve the right to reject, edit, or delete portions of any copy submitted. Don't worry about fancy typing. Everything has to be typed over anyhow, so as long as your copy is readable, that is all we ask. Do be careful with handwritten call signs, tho. Be sure we can tell a U from a V, etc.

I am looking forward to the challenge of editing the QCWA News. It is a great magazine and I hope I can live up to the standards that have been set by Gus and Ted. Let me hear your ideas.

Ethel M. Smith - K4LMB
Editor

QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an amateur radio license at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid amateur license. Proof of eligibility must be shown.

Dues are payable with the application - \$7.00 for three years, \$14.00 for six years, or \$35.00 for Life Membership. An entry fee of \$3.00 is assessed with the first dues payment.

CHAPTER CHARTER

QCWA Chapters may be formed, upon approval of the Board of Directors, by petition of at least ten QCWA members in good standing living in the same geographical area.

CERTIFICATES

Membership certificates, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each new member. Blue certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members; Gold certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members.

Golden Anniversary certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in amateur radio.

A most impressive "Meritorious Award" is issued to individuals upon request of their chapter and justification to the Board of Directors.

A Bronze plaque is rotated to the winner of each annual QCWA QSO Party. The winner of three QSO parties is entitled to keep the plaque permanently.

An "Operating Award" certificate is issued to each member of QCWA who proves contact with 100 QCWA members.

QCWA SUPPLIES

QCWA emblem pins, Gold plated, with call	\$3.00
QCWA emblem screw button, " "	\$3.00
Small QCWA Logo (For QSLs)	\$5.00
Large QCWA Logo (For stationery)	\$5.75
500 Red stamps for Regular Members	\$1.25
500 Yellow stamps for Life Members	\$1.75
500 stamps imprinted "50 years in Amateur Radio"	\$2.00
Blazer emblem, QCWA Logo	\$2.00
QCWA decal (4 inch)	.25
Decals indicating years in ham radio: 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 and 62 years	Free
Chapter banners *	\$27.00

*Free to chapters having 50 or more members.

(All prices are subject to change.)



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